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DISTRICT WOMAN ACCUSED OF PASSING BOGUS CHECK

Who Was Exonerated After Weeks of Humiliating
Experiences Lays Blame of Notoriety of Her
Case at the Doors of Womanhood.

By JULIA CHANDLER MANZ.

It is sometimes a tragic thing to be a woman.

It may involve, in a time of which we know nothing and saddle other folks with upon one in an instant.

It may humiliate one and bring one into a most embarrassing notoriety, weeks of discomfort and unpleasantness, to do nothing of the money it may cost.

It has meant all of these things to Miss Mary P. Ross, for there was no link to connect her with the crime of passing bogus checks, except that she had been charged by a woman and Miss Ross is a woman.

Sounds absurd, doesn't it?

And it is almost impossible to believe that any one would expect out a warrant against any woman upon such fragmentary evidence as this which was presented in an effort to prove that Miss Mary Ross, who lives at 92 M street northwest, passed a bogus check, on August 26 of last year.

A week later than the passing of this check (for \$25) by a woman, Miss Ross was quietly visiting with her sister, while waiting the trial of a friend to go to see the moving picture shows when a big detective walked into her house and informed her that she was under arrest.

A few days before her arrest Mr. Anderson, who has been with Miss Ross, gave her a check, made payable to cash, which he had received from Mr. Slick, of the Census Office, and which was indistinguishable to cash, Mr. Anderson failed to sign it.

This check, going through the same channel that carried the forged check, or so was responsible for an blundering warrant with which Miss Ross was served, for on the day it was made out to cash, signed by Mr. Slick and indorsed by Mr. Ross, while it bore no indorsement of Mr. Anderson, the man through which it had passed before coming to Miss Ross, resulting in something deeper than a general confusion.

For it was argued that the woman who passed the bogus check must be the same woman who cashed the Mr. Slick check, made payable to cash, especially since Mr. Slick could not remember having given any check of the nature described to a woman, and there was no signature to Mr. Anderson's to enlighten him of its intermediary course.

When Miss Ross told me the circumstances of her arrest, it seemed just about the most ridiculous mistake I had ever heard.

Too Serious for a Joke.

"Yes," she agreed with me, "it has its humorous side. It does seem like some huge joke, now that it is over, and I have been exonerated, but it didn't seem like any just at the time, nor did during the five weeks or more that I was harassed with prospective trials that never came off, and exploited by a certain newspaper through two columns on the front page, over which ran sensational headlines."

In addition to all the embarrassment the blunder cost me, I paid over \$100 in cash to exonerate myself.

For, you see, I was actually arrested, taken to the District Building, and catechized by Capt. Boardman and Detective Evans. Of course, the warrant demanded my arrest, and the officers of

Easier to Remove Than Conceal Wrinkles

(National Hygienic Review.)
"When you try to conceal your wrinkles with paste made from beans, you deceive yourself, not me. Let a defect, which is possibly but small, appear undisguised. A fault concealed is presumed to be great."

This little epigram of Martial's suggests the present-day tendency can only conceal or hide facial defects, and to adopt instead rational means of removing the same. For the removal of wrinkles, saggy cheeks, and baggy chins, the axolotl prescription, which goes to the foundation of these troubles, seems to have come into general use since its virtues became known but a short time ago. One ounce of axolotl, procurable at any drug store, is dissolved in a half pint of witch hazel. Used as a wash lotion, this tightens the skin immediately, effectually smoothing out wrinkles and "drawing in" hanging skin or folds.

the law were only doing their duty in grilling me. They were as kind about it as they could be, but just the same it was a terrible experience, and one that humiliated me indescribably. It made me the mark for curious eyes, and, in addition, I was carried to the house of detention, where I was searched by the matron.

I was released on \$50 bond to appear in court the following Monday morning.

The following day a newspaper gave two columns to making me the sensation of the city.

"Why hundreds of people walked or rode by my house all day Sunday, staring at the windows, and I was pointed out wherever I went as 'the woman arrested for passing bad checks.'"

Quite a reputation to have thrust upon one—wasn't it?" asked Miss Ross, with the suspicion of a quiver in her voice.

"It was an outrage," I sympathized. Then I asked about the trial that convicted the blunder.

"Why, it never came off," she said. "It was set and postponed week after week, until finally I was exonerated without a trial."

And was the other woman, the one who really passed the checks, ever found?

Results of Carelessly Drawn Check.

No, said Miss Ross, "not that I know of. I have been told that I resembled her, but my arrest was not based on the fact that I am a woman, and all four of the forged checks were passed by a woman. So was the perfectly good check, carelessly made payable to cash, and given me in payment for board by Mr. Anderson, passed by a woman."

"Now wasn't the conclusion that the woman cashing each check was the same woman who passed the bogus check?" asked Miss Ross in disgust.

The blame of the arrest doesn't alter the fact that a perfectly innocent woman went through the disgrace of being arrested, grilled, searched, made the mark of sensational exploitation, the observed of all observers, and the loser of over \$100, for, of course, I had to employ a lawyer.

Then turning to me, Miss Ross asked a question:

"Why is it, Mrs. Manz, that the papers give just a paragraph or two to a forgery committed by a man, and that this paragraph or two is read with indifferent interest by the general public, while a woman who is even suspected of wrongdoing will be hounded to death with notoriety, and discussed by every stranger?"

Compliment to Womanhood.

I can't answer the question, unless it is that this attitude is, after all, a compliment to womanhood. The standard set for woman in the world is high. She is expected to be honest and pure in her dealings with mankind, whether they are social or business relations, and she herself upholds the standard with such sincerity that she becomes the subject of a sensation whenever or where she fails.

I like to think that this is the answer to the question that was asked me by a woman whose honor was attacked without reason: a woman who was ready with seven witnesses to prove that she was not out of her home on the day that the \$30 check was cashed, and a woman who is not embittered by the grave injustice that was done her or the terrible experience that was so unfairly thrust upon her.

For in all her recital of the tragic story Miss Ross was markedly fair to her accusers.

"It was just a great big blunder, and I was the sufferer," she generously said.

Pony Coats.

For popular priced garments it is difficult to find any fur which will meet all the requirements necessary so well as pony skin. For this reason pony skins are again being extensively used. The natural pony is sharing the favor of the dyed variety, and when combined with fur on beaver trimmings makes a good-looking coat for a small price.

It is well to mention in this connection that the real Russian pony coats are the kind mostly used, as the calf-skin does not find ready sale, now that the best grade of pony has dropped to reasonable prices.

FRINGE IN KNICKERBOCKER GIRL'S TOILET; NOVELTIES OF INCOMING FALL FASHIONS

Many-tiered Skirts and Elaborations Generally for Tailor-mades—Satin Coats with Wool Gowns—Handsome Costumes that Will Go Into Winter—Coat Gowns of Improved Styles—The Old Postilion Back Is Seen Again.



FRINGE-TRIMMED COAT AND TUNIC.

THERE IS A HAPPY MEDIUM IN BEING CLEAN AND TIDY

"Cleanliness is next to godliness."

True, quite true! But what about overcleanliness—about scouring and polishing and scrubbing, no matter what emotional or domestic crisis may be going on in the house?

We all know that it is necessary for floors to be swept, windows cleaned, brass polished, etc., but is it necessary for those same floors, windows and brass to receive such attention even if the effect of that last stiff dose of elbow-grease has been worn off?

Surely not. Yet the unyielding housewife, who makes a positive fetish of routine and habit, ordains differently.

No matter if Jack has a cold and is bound to stay at home for the day, he is turned out after lunch so that the dining-room may have its midday brush and dust-up.

Probably the dining-room is nearly as clean and tidy as when Mary had finished the early morning cleaning. But no matter. It is the rule to give a second little "straightening" after lunch, and that rule must be adhered to in all and every circumstance, causing Jack to think one or two disloyal thoughts concerning the peaceful luxury of "digs" or bachelor flats, where the scrubbing brush is occasionally known to "cease from troubling" and where the duster is sometimes at rest!

Order and cleanliness are essential to our moral and physical well-being. All of us endowed with an average allowance of sense acknowledge this truth.

Wasted Energy Rising.

Not surely equally strong would we protest against wasted energy.

And there is so much wasted energy of all sorts in this world, with the result

To Unclog the Pores Remove Stifling Skin

"Clogged pores are the cause of many complexion difficulties," according to Dr. Heman Ward. "This condition makes the skin coarse in texture. It interferes with elimination of waste matter, producing a muddy or blotchy complexion, eruptions, and other defects."

To open and cleanse the clogged pores there is nothing more effective than ordinary mercuric iodine, used as you would cold cream, but not rubbed in. It should be applied at night and washed off in the morning. Mercuric iodine, to be had at any drug store, will also remove the effects of the condition referred to. That is, it removes the undesirable complexion itself, with its disagreeable marks. Possessing a peculiar absorbent power, it flakes off the soiled skin in minute particles, but so gradually there is no irritation or inconvenience. It is recommended in preference for cosmetics, as the new complexion it reveals is a perfectly natural one.

Fringe is one of the oddities of this transition period. It was out of style so long that even the uses made of it the last year have seemed strange, but with its introduction into tailor-mades it is really freakish. Still, some of the coats and tunics edged with fringe are effective, especially the silk ones. One hesitates a little to accept fringe for wool suits.

The two figures in the drawing show up-to-date uses of fringe. The first gown is of gray cloth with a three-tiered skirt and a satin coat of the same tone. The coat is edged all around with silk fringe. In the other figure the tunic is outlined with fringe. Fringes, when all the trimmings are open, will be found in great variety, and like all fashionable trimmings the best of them will be picked out by tailors and dressmakers speedily. Perhaps no stock of goods in the shops is depleted so quickly as the trimmings. Many of the best ones are imported, and if a sudden gust of popularity strikes certain ones they are scattered sooner than the buyer reckoned on.

Fall suits comprising wool gowns with silk and satin coats are among the smart things for this month and next. Summer styles modified for early fall last until the frost has nipped the vegetation pretty thoroughly and left enough time in the air to make summer things unreasonable. Tailor-mades are more elaborate even at their plainest than for some time. The perfectly plain skirt has given place to the one with all sorts of draperies and panels. Even in the manish cuttings one finds the skirts cut up and finished with braid and buttons and much stitching.

Radical Changes Predicted.

The openings due next month are going to be unusually interesting. What they will bring forth no one can actually say, but one can pretty definitely guess. All the Victorian fashions and ideas that have been creeping into the styles are sure not to go. And the complaints of manufacturers that the styles have remained the same for so long that women wear the same gowns and coats season after season without the need of purchasing new ones is stimulating a departure from present modes.

Manufacturers have made great outcry because skirts and gowns have been scanty—five yards have served out even less, where three times that number was wanted in former years. But the manufacturers overlook the fact that while gowns have been scanty they have required several layers instead of one, and while fewer yards have been required than of old, the fabrics which they have been turning out have worn half the time and less than they did when body was a requirement. After all, most women have few other interests in life, besides keeping their trade brisk by continual changes of fashion.

Tomato Catsup.

To one bunch of tomatoes broken, boiled, and strained, add one ounce of cloves, two ounces allspice, four ounces of whole black pepper, four large onions, boiled all together for an hour over slow fire. Add one and one-half pints of fine salt, one and one-half pints of good vinegar, one-fourth bottle of pepper sauce, with the peppers. Stir well. When cold, bottle and seal.

Probasco Pickles.

Twelve large cucumbers, peel and take out seeds. Three dozen small cucumbers, one-half dozen sweet mangoes, one-half dozen hot mangoes, four little red peppers, one quart onions; put all through the coarsest meat grinder, then add two handfuls of salt, one quart of cider vinegar, one pint of granulated sugar, boil all together for one-half hour then seal.

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Pineapple Help.

Pare and cut out eyes of ripe pineapple, strip all pulp from core with silver fork. To a pint of this add a pound of granulated sugar. Stir constantly until sugar is dissolved. Put into fruit jars. This will keep a long time.

Sunshine Preserves.

One quart small yellow tomatoes, one orange, two medium-sized carrots, four cupsful sugar, one and one-half cupsful water. Peel orange very thin, then cut off the white part and reject it. Then scrape the carrots and put orange, orange peel, and carrots through the small size food chopper. Cut up the tomatoes and put all the ingredients together and boil until it thickens a little.

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